

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus for searching multimedia content on a television, the apparatus comprising:

a content searching unit, which searches for multimedia content files from all media connected to the television;

a classifying unit, which classifies the multimedia content files into types;

a content database, which stores the multimedia content files by types.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the content searching unit checks an extension of a file to determine whether or not the file is a multimedia content file or not.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the classifying unit uses an extension of a file to determine whether the file is one of a moving picture file, a photo, a picture file, a music file, and a flash file.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the content database classifies the multimedia content files into types and stores the multimedia contents files along with additional information related to the multimedia content files.

5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the additional information comprises a file name, a file length, a recording date of the file, and the title of the file's multimedia content.

6. A television having a function of searching multimedia content, the television comprising:

a storing unit, which stores various content;

a searching unit, which searches for multimedia content from among the various content in the storing unit and stores the multimedia content in a database according to types of the multimedia content;

a first decoder, which links a multimedia content file selected by a user to a predetermined execution program for decoding;

a broadcast stream receiving unit, which receives broadcast stream data;

a second decoder, which de-multiplexes and decodes the broadcast stream data from the broadcast stream receiving unit; and

an interactive interfacing unit.

7. The television of claim 6, wherein the storing unit is one of a hard disc drive (HDD) and a memory stick.

8. The television of claim 6, wherein the searching unit comprises:

a content searching unit, which searches for multimedia content files from all of media connected to the television;

a classifying unit, which classifies the multimedia content files into types;

a content database, which stores the multimedia content files by types.

9. The television of claim 8, wherein the content searching unit checks extensions of files to determine whether or not files are the multimedia content files.

10. The television of claim 8, wherein the classifying unit classifies the multimedia content files into one of pictures, photograph files, moving picture files, music files, and flash files by using extensions of the multimedia content files.

11. The television of claim 8, wherein the database stores the multimedia content files by types, together with additional information of the multimedia content files.

12. The television of claim 11, wherein the additional information comprises a file name, a file length, a recording date, and a title of the multimedia content files.

13. A method of searching multimedia contents on a television, the method comprising:

searching for multimedia content files from among media connected to the television;

classifying the multimedia content files by types; and
storing the multimedia content files in a database by types.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the searching for multimedia content files is performed by using extensions of the files to check if the files are multimedia content files.

15. The method of claim 13, wherein the classifying of the multimedia content files by types is performed by using extensions of the multimedia content files.

16. The method of claim 13, wherein the storing of the multimedia content files in the database by types is performed by classifying the multimedia content files into types, and storing the multimedia content files together with file names, content types, recording dates and titles of the multimedia contents, respectively.

17. The method of claim 13, wherein all media connected to the television is searched for multimedia content files.

18. A method of searching and executing multimedia content files on a television, the method comprising:

searching for multimedia content files from among files stored in media connected with the television when a command is input by a user, classifying the multimedia content files by types, and displaying information related to the classified results;

linking a file selected by the user based on the information related to the classified results, to a predetermined execution program; and
executing and displaying the file by the predetermined execution program.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the classifying of the multimedia content files by types is performed by classifying the multimedia content files into one of moving picture files, audio files, flash files, and picture/photograph files.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the classifying of the multimedia content files is performed by using extensions of the multimedia content files.